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Applicant: Xin Ning Docket No.: 17892  
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For: Biodegradable Polymer Compositions for a Breathable Film

### Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) Before First Office Action or Within Three Months of Filing Date

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

- Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicant, through and by his attorneys, hereby wishes to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the modified PTO 1449 Form. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document listed on the form is also presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience. Cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not included in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC 371 after June 30, 2003.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent application to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/718,762 filed November 21, 2003, by Xin Ning for "Biodegradable and Breathable Polymer Film".

This application is not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449, however, a copy is provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant in no way admits that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.



The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicant recommends that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicant requests the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicant requests that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein listed materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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## List of Patents and Publications for Information Disclosure Statement



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Initials		Doc. No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date
	A1	3,692,618	9/19/1972	Dorschner et al.			
	A2	3,802,817	4/9/1974	Matsuki et al.			
	A3	4,340,563	7/20/1982	Appel et al.			
	A4	4,698,372	10/6/1987	Moss			
	A5	4,704,116	11/3/1987	Enloe			
	A6	5,340,646	8/23/1994	Morita et al.			
	A7	5,405,887	4/11/1995	Morita et al.			
	A8	5,695,868	12/9/1997	McCormack			
	A9	5,855,999	1/5/1999	McCormack			
	A10	5,883,199	3/16/1999	McCarthy et al.			
	A11	6,201,068	3/13/2001	Tsai et al.			
	A12	6,261,674	7/17/2001	Branham et al.			
	A13						
	A14						

## Foreign Patent Documents

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Initials		Doc. No.	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Yes	No
	A1	EP 1106640 A2	6/13/2001	EP				
	A2	EP 1108737 A2	6/20/2001	EP				
	A3							

## Other Documents

Initials		Author, Title, Date, Pages, etc.
	A1	Abstract, JP 05209073 A, 8/20/1993, TOKUYAMA SODA KK.
	A2	INDA Standard Test: IST-70.4 (99), "Standard Test Method for Water Vapor Transmission Rate Through Nonwoven and Plastic Film Using a Guard Film and Vapor Pressure Sensor", 1999, 4 pages.

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Examiner:

Date Considered: